Regulation of contents

744. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proliferation in types of content delivery media, including broadband and mobile phones;

(b) whether Government are contemplating any plan to regulate contents over such new media; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is contemplating to frame a legislation for regulation of content. It is envisaged that the legislation will address content regulation across various distribution platforms. The details are being worked out.

Setting up of earth station in Karnataka

745. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of earth station and incubation centre in Gulbarga, Belgam of Karnataka is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ban on exit poll opinion

746. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to ban transmission/ publication of exit poll opinion by various agencies backed by interested political parties keeping in view the biased opinion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have received any instructions from the Election Commission in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shooting films in Kazakhastan

747. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Kazakhasthan has evinced interest in shooting films by Bollywood in that country;

(b) whether certain incentives have been offered to our film makers in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) According to information received from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), no formal proposal has been received from Kazakhastan inviting Bollywood films to shoot in that country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supreme Court and High Court Benches

748. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bar Councils of the Southern States have pleaded for establishment of a Bench of the Supreme Court in South India and High Court Benches in places other than the principal seats;

(b) if so, whether Government feel that such a move would greatly lessen the arrear Burden on the Supreme Court and save litigants of long travel and its cost involved presently; and